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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

U.S.-PRC TALKS

-- MOST PAPERS CARRIED STRAIGHT WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON
NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON "SECRET" U.S.-PRC TALKS CONCERNING
CLAIMS AND FROZEN ASSETS. FINAL CONFIRMATION BY STATE
SPOKESMEN ALSO REPORTED.

ALL PAPERS PLAYED UP MOFA SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT,
MAY 5, THAT ROC WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ANY AGREEMENT REACHED
IN TALKS. EDITORIALY LARGEST DAILY UNITED DAILY NEWS
(LIEN HO PAO; 420,000) THOUGHT TALKS PREPARATION FOR
COMPLETING NORMALIZATION AND NOTED U.S.-CUBA, U.S.-
VIETNAM TALKS ALSO UNDERWAY. TALKS POSE THREAT TO ROC,
PAPER SAID. WE MUST FIND WAY TO MAKE TALKS DRAG ON AND
THEN FIND SOME WAY OUT IF TALKS END WITH NORMALIZATION
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OF RELATIONS. GRC CANNOT AFFORD TO SIT STILL. IMPORTANT
CHINA DAILY NEWS (CHUNG HUA JIH PAO; 100,000) AGREED AND
WARNED THAT U.S. CONCESSIONS TO COMMUNISTS WILL DRIVE U.S.
FROM ASIA.

ROC-FOREIGN POLICY "OPTIONS"

-- PRESS FRONTPAGED FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN' REMARKS BEFORE
LEGISLATIVE YUAN CONCERNING RECENT ARTICLE IN LOCAL MONTHLY
FREE CHINA REVIEW AND EDIT IN CHINA NEWS (ENGLISH-LANGUAGE;
20,000). ARTICLE/EDIT ALLUDED TO POSSIBLE ROC FOREIGN
POLICY "OPTIONS", INCLUDING CONTACT WITH SOVIETS, IN EVENT
U.S. RECOGNIZED PRC. SHEN QUOTED AS SAYING OPINIONS
DO NOT REPRESENT ROC POLICY.

CONGRESSWOMAN MEYNER

-- WASHINGTON NEWS DISPATCH, APRIL 21, QUOTING MEYNER SAYING
THAT ON HER RECENT TAIWAN VISIT PREMIER CHIANG TOLD HER CHINA
PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED THROUGH POLITICAL AND NOT MILITARY
MEANS CITED BY UNITED DAILY NEWS IN REPORTING MOFA SPOKESMAN'S
STATEMENT THAT ROC WOULD NEVER OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC.
NEXT DAY PAPERS REPORTED FM SHEN TOLD LEGISLATIVE YUAN
STATEMENT MADE TO CLEAR UP WESTERN CONFUSION OVER TERMS
"POLITICAL SOLUTION" AND "NEGOTIATIONS."

MONGOLIA

-- UNITED DAILY NEWS CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT TOKYO DISPATCH
QUOTING JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY REPORT U.S. WOULD SOON RECOGNIZE
MONGOLIA ACCORDING TO "STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS."

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:
ROUTINE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES BEING REPORTED VIA REGULAR
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